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Women's Shelters will Benefit from Increased Funding

WHITEHORSE - Increases in funding to Kaushee's Place and the Help and Hope Society in Watson Lake were announced today by Health and Social Services Minister Glenn Hart.

Both Kaushee's Place and Help and Hope provide safe and confidential shelter and support to women and their children who have experienced violence and abuse.

"Safe communities and protecting the family are serious priorities for this government. Today we have taken steps to ensure that these two organizations are adequately funded to provide these invaluable services," Hart said. "This commitment will allow them to focus on providing safe places for women and children as well as responding to their needs."

This guaranteed three year funding commitment replaces the previous annual funding and will allow these organizations to focus on long-term planning to assist women in need. The increases total $434,115 over the next three years, bringing the government's total commitment to women's shelters to $4 million over that period.

"As much as I wish that women no longer needed to use shelters, I am pleased that we are able to support these very important services," Marian C. Horne, Minister responsible for the Women's Directorate, added.

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